AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims.

1-72. (Canceled)

73. (New) A method comprising:

receiving a request from a mobile station to connect to one of a plurality of other mobile stations, wherein the request specifies a location criteria;

determining location information for each of the other mobile stations; and

selecting one of the other mobile stations to connect to the mobile station based on the location criteria and the determined location information.

74. (New) A method according to claim 73, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, a connection between the mobile station and any of the other mobile stations based on the location criteria and the determining location information.

75. (New) A method according to claim 73, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, a connection between the mobile station and the one of the other mobile stations further based on the one of the other mobile stations belonging to a predetermined group.

76. (New) A method according to claim 73, further comprising:

receiving information as to which of the plurality of other mobile stations satisfy the location criteria.

77. (New) A method according to claim 76, further comprising:

determining an order in which to cause, at least in part, connections to one or more of the other mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

78. (New) A method according to claim 76 further comprising:

determining to randomly cause, at least in part, connections to one or more of the other mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

79. (New) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory, the at least one memory and the at least one processor configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

receive a request from a mobile station to connect to one of a plurality of other mobile stations, wherein the request specifies a location criteria,

determine location information for each of the other mobile stations, and

select one of the other mobile stations to connect to the mobile station based on the location criteria and the determined location information.

80. (New) An apparatus according to claim 79, wherein the at least one memory and the at least one processor are further configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

cause, at least in part, a connection between the mobile station and any of the other mobile stations based on the location criteria and the determined location information.

81. (New) An apparatus according to claim 79, wherein the at least one memory and the at least one processor are further configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

cause, at least in part, a connection between the mobile station and the one of the other mobile stations further based on the one of the other mobile stations belonging to a predetermined group.

82. (New) An apparatus according to claim 79, wherein the at least one memory and the at least one processor are further configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

receive information as to which of the plurality of other mobile stations satisfy the location criteria.

83. (New) An apparatus according to claim 82, wherein the at least one memory and the at least one processor are further configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

determine an order in which to cause, at least in part, connections to one or more of the other mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

84. (New) An apparatus according to claim 82, wherein the at least one memory and the at least one processor are further configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

determine to randomly cause, at least in part, connections to one or more of the other mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

85. (New) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a request from a mobile station to connect to one of a plurality of other mobile stations, wherein the request specifies a location criteria;

means for determining location information for each of the other mobile stations; and

means for selecting one of the other mobile stations to connect to the mobile station based on the location criteria and the determined location information.

86. (New) An apparatus according to claim 85, further comprising:

means for causing, at least in part, a connection between the mobile station and any of the other mobile stations based on the location criteria and the determining location information.

87. (New) An apparatus according to claim 85, further comprising:

means for causing, at least in part, a connection between the mobile station and the one of the other mobile stations further based on the one of the other mobile stations belonging to a predetermined group.

88. (New) An apparatus according to claim 85, further comprising:

means for receiving information as to which of the plurality of other mobile stations satisfy the location criteria.

89. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, further comprising:

means for determining an order in which to cause, at least in part, connections to one or more of the other mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

90. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, further comprising:

means for determining to randomly cause, at least in part, connections to one or more of the other mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

91. (New) A method comprising:

generating a request specifying a location criteria for selection of one of a plurality of mobile stations; and

causing, at least in part, transmission of the request to a mobile switching center configured to establish a connection to the one mobile station based on location information of the plurality of mobile stations and the location criteria.

92. (New) A method according to claim 91, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to establish connections to any of the plurality of mobile stations based on the location criteria and the location information.

93. (New) A method according to claim 91, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to establish the connection to the one mobile station based on the one mobile station belonging to a predetermined group.

94. (New) A method according to claim 91, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to receive information as to which of the plurality of mobile stations satisfy the location criteria.

95. (New) A method according to claim 94, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to determine an order in which to establish connections to one or more of the plurality of mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

96. (New) A method according to claim 94, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to determine to randomly establish connections to one or more of the plurality of mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

97. (New) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory, the at least one memory and the at least one processor configured to cause the apparatus at least to:

generate a request specifying a location criteria for selection of one of a plurality of mobile stations; and

cause, at least in part, transmission of the request to a mobile switching center configured to establish a connection to the one mobile station based on location information of the plurality of mobile stations and the location criteria.

98. (New) An apparatus according to claim 97, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to establish connections to any of the plurality of mobile stations based on the location criteria and the location information.

99. (New) An apparatus according to claim 97, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to establish the connection to the one mobile station based on the one mobile station belonging to a predetermined group.

100. (New) An apparatus according to claim 97, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to receive information as to which of the plurality of mobile stations satisfy the location criteria.

101. (New) An apparatus according to claim 100, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to determine an order in which to establish connections to one or more of the plurality of mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

102. (New) An apparatus according to claim 100, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to determine to randomly establish connections to one or more of the plurality of mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

103. (New) An apparatus comprising:

means for generating a request specifying a location criteria for selection of one of a plurality of mobile stations; and

means for causing, at least in part, transmission of the request to a mobile switching center configured to establish a connection to the one mobile station based on location information of the plurality of mobile stations and the location criteria.

104. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to establish connections to any of the plurality of mobile stations based on the location criteria and the location information.

105. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to establish the connection to the one mobile station based on the one mobile station belonging to a predetermined group.

106. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to receive information as to which of the plurality of mobile stations satisfy the location criteria.

107. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to determine an order in which to establish connections to one or more of the plurality of mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.

108. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the mobile switching center is further configured to determine to randomly establish connections to one or more of the plurality of mobile stations satisfying the location criteria.